

**REGULAR MEETING
VILLAGE OF DE SOTO
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**

The De Soto Village Board held their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the village hall.

Village President Timothy Gillespie called the regular board meeting to order with roll call as follows: Tim Gillespie-. present, Scott DuCharme-present, Mitchell Schiffer-present. Carrie Brudos-clerk.

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer and seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the February 3, 2026 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme and seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

No one present for Public Comment Time.

Public comment time closed.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the February 26 (check#26731-26750) general bills.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the February 26 (check#10806-10814) sewer bills. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

SEWER/MAINTENANCE: Nothing to report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The financial statements were reviewed. Motion made by Scott DuCharme seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to approve the financial statements. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Nothing to Report.

PARK COMMITTEE: Scott DuCharme submitted an AARP grant for the park.

LIBRARY: Nothing to report

CEMETERY: Nothing to report

JOINT SHARING COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

ZONING: Nothing to report

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Road Improvements: Nothing to report

Recycling Center Building: Discussion on the building. Need to sell to a commercial investor.

Bird City Wisconsin – Nothing to report

Recreational Opportunity Committee – Nothing to report

Mill Park Bridge Replacement – See Old Business, Item C

Tourism Commission-Reconciling financial information

Boat Landing – Nothing to report

Law Enforcement –Asked for reports.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

TIMOTHY GILLESPIE: The Hometown grant was discussed.

SCOTT DUCHARME: Nuisance properties were discussed.

MITCHELL SCHIFFER: Mitch had a request to borrow chairs from the Community Center. This is not allowed.

CLERK: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

A. VIEW LETTERS TO ORDINANCE VIOLATORS

1. Property owner at 1093 Main St- Monitoring
2. Property owner at 168 S Mill Park Dr.-Clean up and unregistered vehicles are being monitored.
3. Property owner at 625 Ridge St – Clean up in spring
4. Property owner at 635 Ridge St – Letter
5. Property owner at 272 American Heritage Rd – Monitoring.
6. Property owner at 1042 Main St- Monitoring
7. Property owner at 474 Main St and 502 Wall St – Monitoring.
8. Property owner at 145 and 165 Main St – Timothy Gillespie will talk to the owner.
9. Property owner at 222 Mill Park Dr – Timothy Gillespie will talk to the owner.
10. Property owner at 816 S Treadwell St- Needs another notice.

B. JAMEY MAKEPEACE ENGINEERING-SEWER PLANT GRANT UPDATE

Jamey discussed the Clean Water Fund via an e-mail. He gave his recommendation to decline the Clean Water Fund SFY26 offer. Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to decline the Clean Water Fund SFY26 offer and re-apply for SFY27 Clean Water Funding this coming September 2026. Motion carried. Jamey contacted Derrick Van Orden, Tammy Baldwin Travis Tranel and Howard Marklein concerning funding for the sewer plant. Jamey submitted grants with Van Orden and Baldwin.

C. DISCUSS/REVIEW MILL PARK DR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT STATUS

The bridge project will start approximately in May 2026.

D. DISCUSSION ON CHANGING CLERK/TREASURER POSITION FROM ELECTED TO APPOINTED.
In Progress

E. MURAL FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Mike Martino got a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from CRAVA (Coulee Region Alliance for the Visual Arts). We will receive \$10,000 in 2026 and \$10,000 in 2027. Joel Greiner is also submitting a Hometown Grant for the Mural Project.

F. CONNECT COMUNITIES

Mitchell Schiffer applied for a scholarship and received one for May. We need to look into Vibrant Spaces Grant. We need an outlining of the project and clarification of rules to get funding for Vibrant Spaces.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. REVIEW ORDINANCE#24: DISTURBING THE PEACE AND UNREASONABLE NOISE, CREATING A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

The village board will review the ordinances presented and discuss at the next meeting.

B. REPUBLIC SERVICES NOTICE FOR REVIEW

The board discussed the service on Devlin Street. A solution will be sought.

C. REVIEW/APPROVE OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR LOGAN BRUDOS

Motion made by Mitchell Schiffer, seconded by Scott DuCharme to approve the operator's license for Logan Brudos. Motion carried.

D.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Scott DuCharme, seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to set the next regular board meeting for Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at the De Soto Village Hall: 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

Motion made by Scott DuCharme seconded by Mitchell Schiffer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Carrie Brudos, Village Clerk.